

\$42,500 annually for the next two years, and I recommend that this appropriation be granted.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

V The Legislature of 1891 passed the law for the establishment of this institution, a distinct and separate school for the white deaf and dumb children of the State, and located the institution at Morganton.

Two years ago 102 pupils were enrolled ; to-day there are 185 and applications for 50 more. The total capacity is 200 ; hence the President of the Board asks your honorable body for an appropriation of \$20,000 in addition to the amount appropriated to be used in erecting and equipping a school building. Without this building the plant is incomplete. With it, for several years to come, the State will have provided for the care of her deaf and dumb children.

This is a splendid institution, located in a beautiful section of the State, and with the above equipment will be the equal of any institution of the kind in the South. The industrial training consists in practical agriculture and gardening, carpentering, shoemaking, printing and typesetting, broom and mattress making.

It is the aim of the institution to educate and fit the pupils for earning their own livelihood, by teaching trades for those adapted for the work, educating children to articulate who are capable of taking this instruction, and equipping the most intelligent to become teachers. Those who are capable of higher education, to whom they can give special advantages, are sent to Gallaudet College at Washington, D. C., a college supported by the government, which receives students from any State and Territory. In June, 1895, two young women completed the course in the Normal Department ; one is now a teacher in the